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SUBJECT: SUSPECTED ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY BY INTOURIST EMPLOYEE

REF: USBERLIN 2072

1. SUMMARY: SOVIETS ADVISED BRITISH POLAD OCT 14 THAT INTOURIST EMPLOYEE VYATKIN WILL LEAVE BERLIN IN FEW DAYS. END SUMMARY:

2. SOVIET EMB COUNSELLOR KHOTULEV CALLED ON BRITISH POLAD OCT 14 TO MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATEMENT OF 13 OCTOBER ON BEHALF OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS WHICH SAID WITHOUT EXPLANATION THAT THE PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY OF VYATKIN OF THE SOVIET INTOURIST AGENCY WAS UNDESIRABLE I AM AUTHORIZED BY MY AMBASSADOR TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN -- THE MEMBER OF THE INTOURIST AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN IS LEAVING WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS FOR HOME. HOWEVER, THIS IS BY

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NO MEANS DONE BECAUSE OF THE STATEMENT OF THE WESTERN SIDE

OF YESTERDAY, BUT BECAUSE MR. VYATKIN'S TERM OF STAY IN WEST BERLIN HAS EXPIRED AND HE MUST BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER COLLEAGUE. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN THREE YEARS IN WEST BERLIN. THE SOVIET SAIDE CONSIDERS THE STATEMENT OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS OF YESTERDAY AS AN ILL-DISPOSED ACT DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SHARPENING OF THE SITUATION AROUND THE ACTIVITY OF SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS IN WEST BERLIN AND THEREFORE NOT APPROPRIATE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SUCH AN UNFOUNDED STATEMENT AND ARBITRARY ACTIONS BY THE AUTHORITIES IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN

COULD NOT BE LEFT WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE SOVIET SIDE TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE THREE POWERS THAT THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PUBLISHING STATEMENTS ON THIS MATTER. ON OUR SIDE WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE THIS MATTER INTO A SUBJECT OF PUBLIC DEBATE. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: WE INTERPRET THIS QUICK SOVIET ACTION AS SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF AFFAIR AND TACIT ADMISSION THAT VYATKIN WAS CAUGHT WITH HAND IN COOKIE JAR. DESPITE SOVIET ASSERTION THAT REMOVAL IS ROUTINE REPLACEMENT AT END OF THREE-YEAR TOUR, OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT VYATKIN, ALTHOUGH HE CAME TO WORK FOR INTOURIST IN 1972 AND INITIALLY LIVED IN EAST BERLIN, STATED ON HIS APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT IN SEPT 1974 THAT THE PROPOSED DURATION OF HIS STAY WAS UNTIL OCT 1977. SOVIETS HAD ALSO MADE NO PRIOR REQUEST FOR ALLIED APPROVAL OF A REPLACEMENT. WITH VYATKIN ON HIS WAY OUT, "NO COMMENT" PRESS LINE SHOULD SERVE WELL IN EVENT ALLIED MISSIONS RECEIVE ANY INQUIRIES. SENATOR FOR JUSTICE OXFORT, INCIDENTALLY, RESPONDED TO BRITISH APPROACH OCT 14 WITH EQUANIMITY SAYING HE AWARE OF VYATKIN CASE AND EXPECTED NO DIFFICULTIES SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH PIELUZEK AFFAIR. OXFORT VOLUNTEERED TO COORDINATE WITH SENATOR FOR INTERIOR AFFAIRS NEUBAUER WITHIN WHOSE JURISDICTION LFV COMES. WE FURTHER AGREED OCTOBER 15 TO BRITISH POLAD'S SUGGESTION THAT HE BRIEF CHIEF OF SENAT CHANCELLERY HERZ ON CASE AND URGE THAT SENAT RESPOND TO ANY PRESS INQUIRIES IT MAY RECIEVE WITH SIMPLE "NO COMMENT." DAVIS

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